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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action mailed February 13, 2006,
please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A teething toy comprising:

a housing portion, formed of a material which is flexible and soft and having at least one surface adapted for teething by an infant, and having at least a second lip surface defining a perimeter, having first and second facing surfaces;

a picture holding portion, formed of substantially rigid and transparent material, formed of a front portion, a rear portion, and an area defined between said front portion and said rear portion adapted for holding a printed picture;

said second lip surface defining an area which overlaps and covers and holds said front portion and said rear portion of said picture holding portion, wherein said second lip surface extends around only a portion of said perimeter, and defines an openable portion at a first area thereof ~~said area being over at least 90% of a perimeter of said picture holding portion.~~

2-3. (Canceled).

4. (Original) A toy as in claim 1, wherein said perimeter is substantially a round shape.

5. (Original) A toy as in claim 1, wherein said perimeter is substantially a square shape with rounded edges.

6. (Original) A toy as in claim 1, wherein said front portion of said picture holding portion includes a first beveled area which mates with a second beveled area on said rear portion, each of said first and second beveled area extending over a perimeter of each of said front portion and said rear portion respectively.

7. (Original) A toy as in claim 6, wherein one of said beveled areas is longer than another of said beveled areas, leaving a space between said front portion and said rear portion.

8. (Original) A teething toy as in claim 1, wherein said at least one surface include bumps thereon.

9. (Original) A teething toy as in claim 3, wherein said front and rear surfaces of said picture holding portion include beveled areas thereon.

10. (Original) A method, comprising:

placing a picture between first and second sheets of clear and rigid material; and

placing the first and second sheets of clear and rigid material within lip surfaces defining a perimeter, within a frame forming a teething device for a child.

11. (Original) A method as in claim 10, wherein said placing comprises separating two portions of the surface defining a perimeter within said teething device, and placing said first and second sheets within said perimeter.

12. (Original) A method as in claim 10, wherein said placing comprises stretching the perimeter and placing said sheets within the stretched perimeter.

13. (Original) A method as in claim 10, wherein said first and second sheets are round, and said perimeter is round.

14. (Original) A method as in claim 10, wherein said first and second sheets are substantially square with rounded edges, and said perimeter is substantially square with rounded edges.

15. (Original) A method as in claim 10, wherein said placing the picture between first and second sheets comprises placing a picture in a space defined between said first and second sheets.

16. (Original) A toy comprising:

a housing portion, formed of a flexible material adapted for teething by an infant, and including an outer surface including a plurality of bumps thereon, said outer surface also defining a toy holding loop, within which a connection is adapted to be attached, and including inner surfaces defining a perimeter, said inner surfaces having a lip portion in which a first portion of the inner surface faces a second portion of the inner surface, and a picture holding part, including a front cover, a rear cover, a space defined between the front and rear covers, a picture in a space between the front and rear covers, and shaped to fit within said perimeter such that said first portion of the inner surface presses against a front cover, and a second portion of the inner surface presses against the rear cover holding the front and rear covers together.